

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill following disposition of S. 139, Climate Stewardship Act, on Thursday, October 30, 2003. **Pages S13483–84**

Climate Stewardship Act: Pursuant to the order of July 31, 2003, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 139, to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradable allowances that could be used interchangeably with passenger vehicle fuel economy standard credits, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13484–S13509**

Pending:

Lieberman/McCain Amendment No. 2028, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13485–S13509**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, if cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 30, 2003, with two hours of debate remaining. **Page S13533**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 2003; that there be 60 minutes of debate; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination, to occur at approximately 10 a.m. **Page S13533**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–53) **Pages S13512–13**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency with respect to Sudan relative to the threat to national security and foreign policy of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–54) **Page S13513**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education. **Page S13533**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—418) **Pages S13435, S13480, S13482, S13483**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:13 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13533.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing on the future of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, focusing on NASA's Strategic Plan for future space research and exploration, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Admiral Harold Gehman, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board; Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.; Robert Zurbrin, Mars Society, Lakewood, Colorado; David Woods, Ohio State University Institute for Ergonomics, Columbus; and Rick N. Tumlinson, Space Frontier Foundation, Nyack, New York.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded a hearing on the status of the International Space Station, focusing on the impact the Columbia

accident has had on International Space Station operations, after receiving testimony from William F. Readdy, Associate Administrator for Space Flight, and Mary Kicza, Associate Administrator for Biological and Physical Research, both of National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Allen Li, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, General Accounting Office; Robert L. Park, American Physical Society, Washington, D.C.; James A. Pawelczyk, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; and Arthur I. Zygielbaum, University of Nebraska National Center for Information Technology and Education, Lincoln.

IRAN: SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Tuesday, October 28, 2003, Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine security threats and U.S. policy in relation to Iran from Sylvia Copeland, Director, and Nathan Tuchrello, Deputy Issue Manager for Iran and Saudi Arabia, both of the Office of Near East and South Asia Analysis, Central Intelligence Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization, and to be U.S. Representative to the 32nd and General Conference of UNESCO, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COLOMBIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges for U.S. policy toward Colombia, focusing on the Counter Narcotics Brigade (CN Brigade), engineer and infrastructure support, professionalism and human rights, and trade issues, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Charles, Assistant Secretary of State of the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; General James T. Hill, USA, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, Julia E. Sweig, Council on Foreign Relations, and Phillip McLean, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 423, to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1775, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to correct the Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2002, with an amendment;

S. 1786, to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act, with an amendment;

An original bill, to reauthorize the Head Start Act;

An original bill, to change the 30-year treasury bond rate to a composite corporate rate, and to establish a commission on defined benefit plans; and

The nominations of Robert Lerner, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Education, and Leslie Silverman and Naomi Churchill Earp, both of Virginia, and Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine intellectual diversity on America's college campuses, focusing on the problem of freedom of expression, politicized instruction, and core curricula, after receiving testimony from Anne Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni, Washington, D.C.; Robert David Johnson, Brooklyn College and the City University of New York Graduate Center, Brooklyn, New York; Greg Lukianoff, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Anthony Dick, Charlottesville, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1423, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, with an amendment.

INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNT CLAIMS SATISFACTION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on S. 1770, to establish a voluntary alternative claims resolution process to reach a settlement of pending class action litigation, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, Montana; and Jim Gray, Osage Tribal Council, Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competitive and economic effects

of the Bowl Championship series on and off the field, focusing on the impact on the academic missions of universities, student-athletes, bowl games and fans, financial contributions to higher education, increased fan attendance, media exposure, the economic impact on the host community, and charitable responsibility, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; Harvey S. Perlman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska; Myles Brand, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Scott S. Cowen, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Keith R. Tribble, Orange Bowl Committee, and the Football Bowl Association, Miami, Florida; LaVell Edwards, Provo, Utah, formerly with Brigham Young University.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3385–3405; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 314–315 and H. Res. 423, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–334);

H. Res. 421, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–335); and

H. Res. 422, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–336).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9985**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Bryce Anderson, Pastor, Church of the Living Word in Vincennes, Indiana. **Page H9985**

Departments of Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Act for FY 2004—Motion to go to conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

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The House agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a voice vote. **Page H9989**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Istook, Wolf, Lewis (CA), Rogers (KY), Tiahrt, Northup, Aderholt, Sweeney, Culberson, Young (FL), Hoyer, Olver, Pastor, Kilpatrick, Clyburn, Rothman, and Obey. **Page H9989**